

**BLOOD ON THE MOON**

There Was a Panoply of Punch  
at Cabinet Houses,

And the Sorrow is Keen Even  
Unto Anger.

**MOMENTOUS MATTERS.**

Invitation to White House Din-  
ner Command or Entreaty?

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—[Special.]—Hawaii and the tariff are not our only momentous news in Washington, as one might think from a perusal of the dispatches in the daily papers. Society is now almost as important, from a Washington point of view, as the interminable tariff discussion and the unfortunate complications over the dusky queen of the Pacific. The old-time court society is much concerned because the ladies of the cabinet provide such a slender array of refreshments at their receptions. On the occasion of the first cabinet dinner, the first Wednesday after New Year's, two or three of the cabinet houses were without any refreshments at all, while in the others nothing was served except a little tea or lemonade. Not a pint of punch was observable in the whole cabinet round. The old timers, the veterans of many a social campaign, who have fairly lived on reception refreshments throughout innumerable seasons, searched the cabinet houses in vain for punch, either claret or champagne, or for anything that would satisfy a healthy appetite beyond a few bits of cake and a morsel or two.

## Looking For Punch.

It is unnecessary to say that the disappointment is keen and general. The minister has even been given a political bearing. On account of the paucity of punch and other attractions at the cabinet houses we have been told that this administration is a wretched failure. Comparisons between it and its way of doing things with the various special made by former cabinets have been instituted, and it would not be surprising if this development were to find its way into the coming campaigns. At the second cabinet dinner this week the refreshments served were even more profuse and ample than usual, and especially so at the Treasury. It really begins to look as if the "no collating" faction in the cabinet was going to carry the day. It is all very sad. People who live outside Washington have no idea of the importance that has been caused here of the amount of gossip and number of amorous remarks by this new departure on the part of the mistressess of the cabinet houses.

But this is not all, by a long ways. A new question has been raised, and it is, "Has a senator or representative in congress a right to decline an invitation to dinner at the White House?" This exceedingly delicate and interesting question was brought to the front by the point-blank refusal of the two senators from New York to attend a state dinner at the executive mansion. They took the ground that if they did not wish to attend Mr. Cleveland's dinner they had a perfect right to say so and to stay away. But not all people agree with them. There is a tradition to the effect that an invitation to the White House, whether to a dinner or to any other function, is in the nature of a command which must not be disobeyed. This is one of the strongest traditions of the Washington social system.

This is a president is not required to receive calls, and may not as the president receive invitations to private houses, so a bid to the White House has always been regarded as unusual. Of course it has not always been obeyed. But in cases where it was not desired or was not convenient to accept such an excuse has been found, such as illness, imperative pressing engagement or absence from the city. A plain blank refusal will be most satisfactory, new and it is said by those who follow these things that an instance of it was not known till Senator Hill and Murphy late last year declined the invitation. Now that they have raised the question other senators are taking it up, and every day talks on this subject, with arguments pro and con, may be heard in senatorial smoking rooms and slaves in the committee rooms attached to the senate chamber.

## A Question of Authority.

There is another species of independence in the Senate. The members of this body claim under the constitution that they have been made out of the executive of lots of years to reduce their body to leave the Union. It was intended to occupy the founders of the government. Some of the southern states even go so far as to quote the constitution of the United States in support of their argument that an individual, from the president, is not a command. It is worth going miles to hear Senator Morgan and others from Dixie declare, with fine-sounding orators, that the Senate has the right to command the president, but the president to command the Senate, never! We shall be lucky if this matter also is not taken into politics. It is a curious illustration of the fact that we are living in unprogressive, disconcerted and grumpy times when we cannot enjoy our afternoon receptions at the cabinet houses or our state dinners in the grand dining room of the executive mansion without getting into a row about them.

## Here's a State of Things.

Even the newspaper men of the capital have a sense of grievance. From time immemorial it has been the custom to invite the correspondents for the daily newspapers to the evening receptions at the White House. This year the custom has been observed as usual, but, it is claimed, in a way that conveys a slight to the invited guests. Heretofore the invitations to these receptions have been delivered by messenger at the residences of correspondents, as the invitations to senators, diplomats, members of the house army and navy officers and others are delivered. But this year the cards to newspapermen were sent to their offices.

The average man would say that it makes very little difference to him whether an invitation is sent to his house or to his office, but to some of the newspapermen this is quite a kick. So by sending invitations to their places of business the president of those who acted for him have insulted the whole profession, and not imagining that newspaper men were wanted at the White House receptions not as members of society, but in their professional capacity. A few of the correspondents have taken as much umbrage at the alleged slight that they declined to attend the diplomatic reception just for the sake of the principle involved. So far as has been learned, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland did not miss them. In the present temper of Washington, both in and out of congress, it does not take much to start a row.

Shirts mended by Peerless.

**TILEY DIED LIKE CUSTER.**  
Story of the Heroic Death of Wilson's  
Command in Matchland.

CAPETOWN, Jan. 13.—Details of the massacre of Captain Wilson's party by the Matabeles were received today. The news from Bulawayo shows that Captain Wilson and his men made a hard fight and died gallantly, fighting to the last.

Captain Wilson, who was in pursuit of King Lobengula suddenly came upon a strong detachment of Matabeles, headed by the king himself. The latter was able to mount horse and fly before the British advanced. But when the information was conveyed to the king that the Wilson party was now in numbers some reports placing the detachment at forty British troops and a hundred or so auxiliaries, the king managed to get the Matabeles to make a stand and prepare to take the small British force in a trap. Instructing the centre of his force to continue retreating before the British troops, who were pressing their horses onward through the Matabele ranks in hope of capturing the king, the right and left flanks of the Matabele army were instructed to deploy to the right and to the left and to gradually converge toward, so as to take the British force on both flanks and in the rear.

When King Lobengula saw that the British were surrounded on three sides, he made a stand upon high ground and the fate of the British detachment was sealed. Suddenly hearing the last sound of Captain Wilson, gathered his men together and prepared to retreat upon the unmounted portion of his command, in hope of being able to make a stand until their lives were over.

They began a gallant fight to the death. From behind their dead horses the British troopers kept up a continual fire from their carbines upon the steadily advancing natives, and when the natives were no longer able to stand owing to the proximity of the advance, among them drove their revolvers and awaited the last rush of the natives. It was not long delayed, and then followed a brief hand to hand conflict, during which sword and revolver met as seldom and often only to be swept down beneath the onward rush of overwhelming numbers, and this beneath a shower of arrows, the troopers fighting gallantly to the last, and dying even when upon their knees and dying not dead.

After all resistance had been overcome, the triumphant natives stripped the trooper of every shred of clothing and mutilated the bodies in a horrible manner.

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Among the troopers under the command of these officers were a lot of youngsters belonging to some of the best families in England, who had enlisted as troopers. In order to get their first taste of campaigning, these young men included among their number the son of Sir Julius Vogel, formerly the agent general for New Zealand in London, and Portugee.

Comparative topographical maps will be used to give an intelligent idea of the American states. Thus, the state of New York alone will be shown to cover an area four times as large as Belgium, and South Dakota seven times as large. A single state, Texas, will be presented to the eye as an empire as large as France, England and Belgium together; or Germany and England or the whole of Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and Portugal combined.

So far the Western states have shown more interest and enterprise than their eastern sisters in taking advantage of the opportunities presented. Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and South Dakota have applied for space and will make striking exhibits of their products and natural wealth.

So far Pennsylvania is the only state that has an assured exhibit, but large manufacturing industries demanding representation at the greatest market for these commodities in Europe.

THURSTON WILL RETURN.

**NEXT WORLD'S FAIR.**

America Will Have 2,000 Exhibitors at Antwerp.

Six Times as Many as at Paris  
in 1864.

**FOUR WESTERN STATES**

Will Have Exhibits There In-  
cluding Colorado and Texas.

Cape Town, Jan. 13.—An opportunity will shortly be given to test the question whether or not the United States of America can make a creditable exhibit upon foreign soil. The Belgian International exposition, which is to open at Antwerp May 5, has not been heralded with trumpet nor advertised extensively in the press. They manage these things differently across the water.

America will be there. That is already determined. There will be an American building, under the management of the American propagandists, who are the representatives of American exhibitors, and, thanks to the energy and enterprise of this organization, there is already assured a larger representation of Americans at Antwerp than at any previous exposition abroad.

At previous exhibitions abroad America's representation has been insignificant, so much so that it would appear that she never realized the importance of the foreign market.

At the Paris Exposition of 1864, for example, she had but 283 exhibitors, and at Antwerp in 1865, but 73.

This year at Antwerp America will be represented by from 1,500 to 2,000 exhibitors, including the United States government and a number of state governments and cities.

There is every indication also, that the American section will be next to that of Belgium itself,

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Third—In case of such determination, the new monarchy was to be protected by the forces of the United States and that the Americans were to be disbanded within six months by the aid of the United States troops.

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Detroit Free Press.

Waiting.

There's a young lawyer in Detroit whose reputation for prompt pay is not the best.

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Out of Sight.

AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE EXPRESSION.

**TODAY'S TELEGRAPH TIPS.**

The car house belonging to the Cleveland Ohio Electric Street Railway company was burned this morning together with thirty cars, eighteen of which were motor. The loss is about \$75,000, covered by insurance.

The last furnace at the Maryland steel company at Sparrows Point near Baltimore, has closed, throwing 170 more men out of employment. The management claims lack of orders necessitated such a course.

Rev. Daniel Cook Jacobs, a man of national reputation, died last night of paralysis, in the 81st year of his age, at Pontiac, Mich. He began his service in the Michigan conference in the Methodist church and for several years took charge of the Indian mission in the Lake Superior region.

A Lyncher Suicides From Remorse.

St. Louis, Jan. 13.—A Post-Dispatch special from Winchester, O., says: A remarkable suicide was committed here last night by Jesse Powell, a well-to-do bachelor farmer, who blew his head off with a shotgun, after writing a letter in which he stated that his deed was the result of remorse at having assisted in the lynching of young Parker, near West Union, night before last.

Bomb in Spain.

MADRID, Jan. 13.—A pistol or bomb with a lighted fuse, was found yesterday evening on the stair-case of the Marques d'Oliveras. The bomb was found by the son-in-law of the Marquis, the Marques Camarines. The latter set the fuse burning and crushed out the fire with his foot. The bomb consisted of an iron tube, a foot long, and having its ends soldered.

Minister Willis' Dispatches.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Except the Dole-Willis correspondence and the Willis-withheld letter, the correspondence sent to Congress today consists of dispatches from Minister Willis, which for the most part are reports of events in Honolulu of which the public has already been fully informed by the Associated Press dispatches.

Justice Brewer Appoints Hay.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Justice Brewer of the supreme court of the United States has appointed Eugene G. Hay, United States district attorney for Minnesota. The court-appointed officials are for no definite term, but hold only until the president acts.

Oxford Mantua Indis.

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